

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2404**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mississippi State University to have the ability to help create an Unmanned/Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) launch and recovery area in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mississippi State University, located at PO Box 6343, Mississippi State University, MS 39762. The funding would be used to construct an area where UAS can be launched and recovered. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow for an immediate capability boost for UAS operations on the Gulf Coast.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress